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National Zeitung, Berlin, 23.7.41. says that widespread strike movements have been attempted among textile workers, coal-miners, etc. in Northern France. These were instantly throttled by the Occupation Authorities who closed food shops, prevented the sale of food to the strikers. The Vichy authorities have had a harder task to prevent strikes as they are reluctant to use similar drastic measures in the Unoccupied Zone where 'staggered' strikes consisting of stoppages lasting several hours have been successfully carried out by individual sheds which are important enough to hold up the whole factory's production.

Le Temps 24.7.41. M. Berthelot, Secretary of State for Communications, told the representatives of the Parisian Press that the price increases on the local railways of 10% for goods and 20% for passengers were due to increases of 30% for combustibles and 65% for raw materials. "The raw material situation is so desperate that you must expect further transport restrictions."